

Senate Bill 841 and SB 842 (As Introduced)

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These bills change the existing definition of "Hearing Aid Dealer" to "Hearing Health Care Providers" and define the term as "an individual who engages in the sale or offering for sale at retail of a hearing aid." It also modifies the term "Hearing Aid Salesperson" to "Hearing Aid Health Care Assistant."

SB 841 re-establishes a board for this occupation, calling it the "Board of hearing health care providers," and requires that no more than 2 members of the 9-member board shall be associated with the same hearing aid manufacturer.

The bill also codifies the current department practice of requiring the provider to pass a written and practical examination as prescribed by the department and the board, and allows a trainee to renew the 12-month trainee license for up to 3 years.

SB 842 removes the sunset of temporary licensee fee increases from the State License Fee Act, and provides for permanent increases in application processing fees, examination fees, and per-year license fees.

The bills are tie-barred.